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Date: 2017-02-06

Time: 5:30 PM

Building: Pleasant Street Senior Center

Location: Great Room

Address: 49 Pleasant Street

Agenda:

Purpose: Public Hearing for Proposed Tobacco Regulations

Meeting Called By: Andrew Friedmann, Chair

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Topics of Discussion:

On Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Reading Pleasant Street Center, 49 Pleasant Street, the Board of Health will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to its regulations governing the sale of tobacco products.

Proposed changes to the Reading Board of Health tobacco regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. New or revised definitions for "Characterizing Flavor", "Flavored Tobacco Product", and "Tobacco Product".
2. Prohibit the sale of any flavored tobacco (including electronic cigarettes), except in retail tobacco stores where no one under the age of 21 is permitted entry.
3. Require packages of two or more cigars be priced at \$5.00 or more and maintain the current requirement that all single cigars be priced at \$2.50 or more.
4. Prohibit tobacco sales at any new store locations within 1,000 feet of a school zone.
5. Reduce the maximum number of tobacco product sales permits issued in Reading under either of the following two circumstances: 1) the holder of a tobacco product sales permit does not renew his permit because he no longer sells tobacco products, or 2) the holder of a tobacco product sales permit does not renew his permit because he closes the retail business and does not sell it. In either of these two cases, the tobacco product sales permit would be returned to the Reading Board of Health and would be permanently retired, reducing the maximum number of tobacco sales permits in Reading by the number of permits retired.

Please note that the current Reading tobacco control regulations set the maximum number of tobacco product sales permits issued by the town at 19 and authorize the buyer of a current business holding a tobacco product sales permit to continue selling tobacco products, so long as that buyer applies for a tobacco product sales permit within 60 days of purchasing the business. The proposed change to the tobacco control regulations will not change that authorization for buyers.

If you would like to view the proposed regulations or obtain copies, please visit the Reading Public Health Services, Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Reading, MA or call (781) 942-6653.

Andrew Friedmann, Ph.D. - Chair, Reading Board of Health - 16 Lowell Street - Reading, MA 01867

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